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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO FORM  
THE KAPUA LANDS CONSORTIUM TO ASSESS THE BEST WAY TO  
ACQUIRE THE LANDS OF KAPUA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the lands of Kapua on the island of Hawaii are a  
2 scenic wonder with breathtaking shoreline views; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the lands of Kapua comprise at least 7,000 acres  
5 in South Kona that are classified as agricultural or  
6 conservation land; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the lands of Kapua were purchased by Honomalino  
9 Agricultural Company from Bishop Estates then sold to multiple  
10 owners until being acquired by South Kona LLC from One Keahole  
11 Partners; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the South Kona LLC website describes the lands of  
14 Kapua as a desirable location for an exotic vacation retreat and  
15 vacation home ownership where "traditional Hawaiian language,  
16 dance, music, and craftsmanship thrive" and as "a haven where  
17 modern and ancient are interwoven, a place still sparsely  
18 populated and open to discovery"; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the lands of Kapua are currently slated for  
21 development by South Kona LLC, who has so far developed the  
22 Ko Olina Resort on Oahu and Princeville at Hanalei; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the State should seek to acquire Kapua in the  
25 interest of preserving the area's diminishing pristine condition  
26 for future generations while ensuring the preservation of  
27 agriculture and the prudent economic development of the area;  
28 now, therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,  
32 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested  
33 to form the Kapua Lands Consortium to assess the best way to  
34 acquire the lands of Kapua on the island of Hawaii; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
 2 Natural Resources form the Kapua Lands Consortium in  
 3 consultation with The Trust for Public Land Hawaii Advisory  
 4 Board and The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, and that the  
 5 consortium be limited to five members who represent  
 6 organizations whose mission is to conserve, protect, and steward  
 7 land or to preserve natural resources and Native Hawaiian  
 8 customs and practices or improve the well-being of Native  
 9 Hawaiians; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kapua Lands Consortium work  
 12 with the Legislative Reference Bureau to draft legislation prior  
 13 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 17 Land and Natural Resources, The Trust for Public Land Hawaii  
 18 Advisory Board, and Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy  
 19 of Hawai'i.  
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